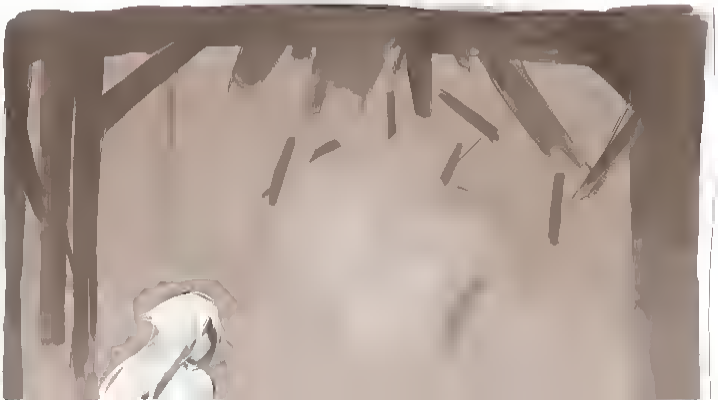
HAH...?

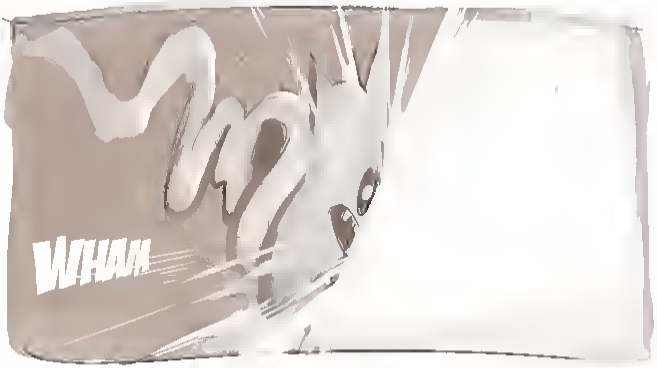
I'M
IN THE
HOUSE...



I'M BACK IN THE HOUSE!

I'VE GOT TO CHECK UP ON MY CARPETS...

...COUNT THE SILVERWARE...



EH?

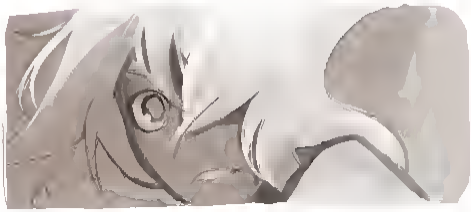
THIS *LIGHT*
FEELS *SOLID.*

COME TO
THINK OF IT...

THIS WHOLE
ROOM LOOKS
STRANGE.

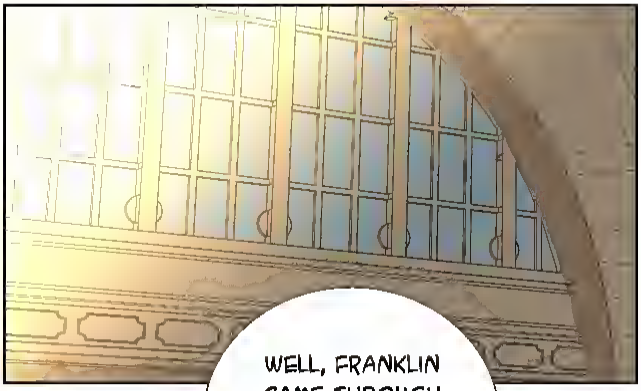
AS IF
IT'S...

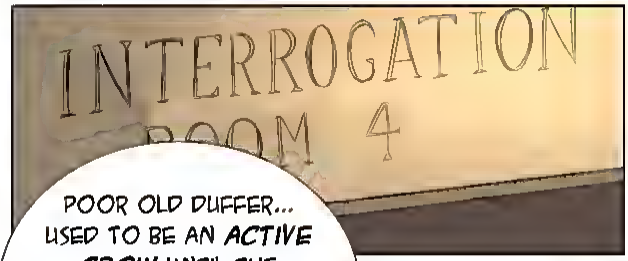
UNFINISHED.



HUH...

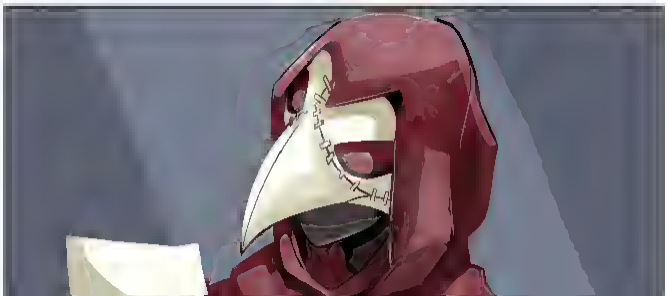
WHO'S
THIS?!


WELL, FRANKLIN CAME THROUGH AND DEVELOPED THE SHOT YOU TOOK.


INTERROGATION
ROOM 4
POOR OLD DUFFER... USED TO BE AN ACTIVE CROW UNTIL THE SPECTRAL RIOT OF 1905. REFUSES TO

RETIRE DESPITE HIS *INJURY*...

MASTER ROOK... HOW DO WE GET THE SPIRITS *OUT* OF THE PHOTOGRAPH?
THIS *BARRIER* WILL DRAW THEM OUT, NATCH!
...AND KEEP THEM FROM *MISBEHAVING*, AS WELL.

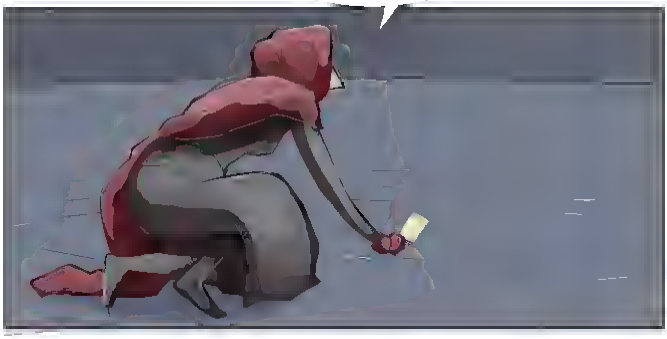


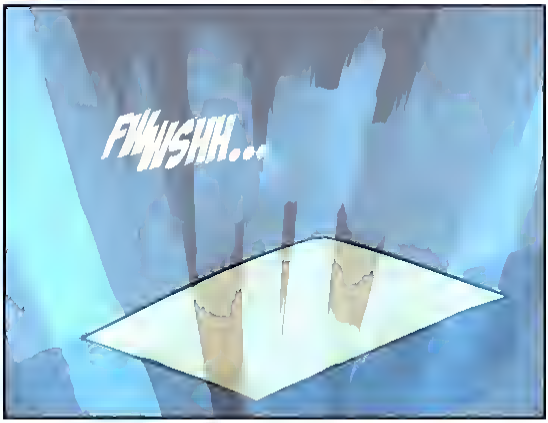
THE PHOTO FRANKLIN GAVE US CLEARLY SHOWS *TWO* SPIRITS.

UNBELIEVABLE, KID. YOUR *FIRST SHOT*, TOO...

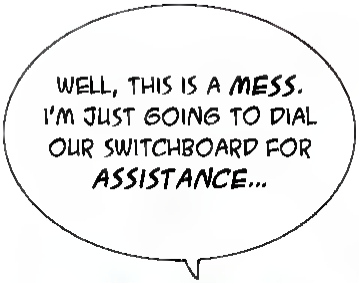
KEEP MAKING ME LOOK BAD, AND I'LL TRADE YOU IN FOR A *NEW* FLEDGELING!

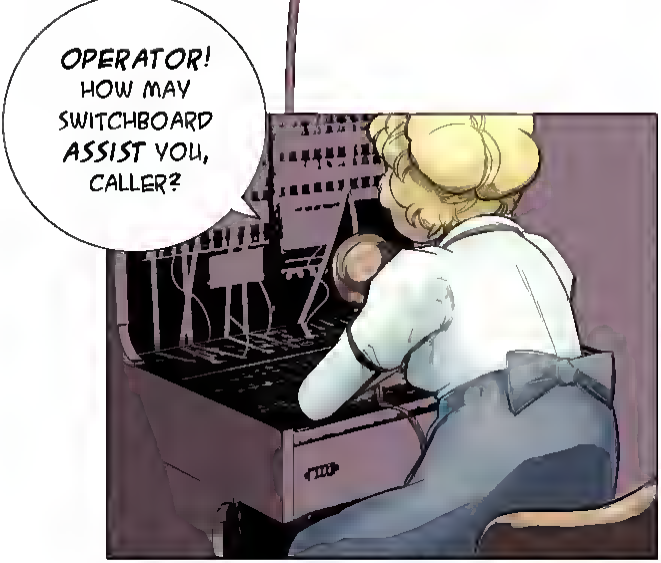
WELL THEN. LET'S FORCE THEM TO *MANIFEST*.




FWWSHH...

SHRIIIEKKKK!!
WOW!
WHA-


WELL, THIS IS A MESS. I'M JUST GOING TO DIAL OUR SWITCHBOARD FOR ASSISTANCE...



I NEED A LEVEL 5 SPECTRE SENT DOWN THE LINE TO ME HERE IN INTERROGATION 4...

CLEARANCE ROOK-2848!

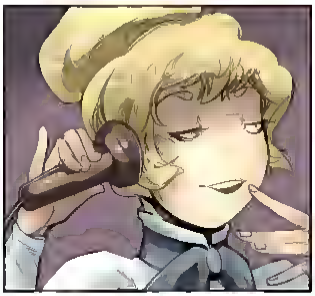
I'M SORRY, SENIOR CROW ROOK. AFTER YOUR RECENT HEARING REGARDING THE BARLOW HAUNTING AND ITS AFTERMATH, THE NEST HAS TEMPORARILY

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED YOU FROM SUMMONING ADVANCED SPIRITS...

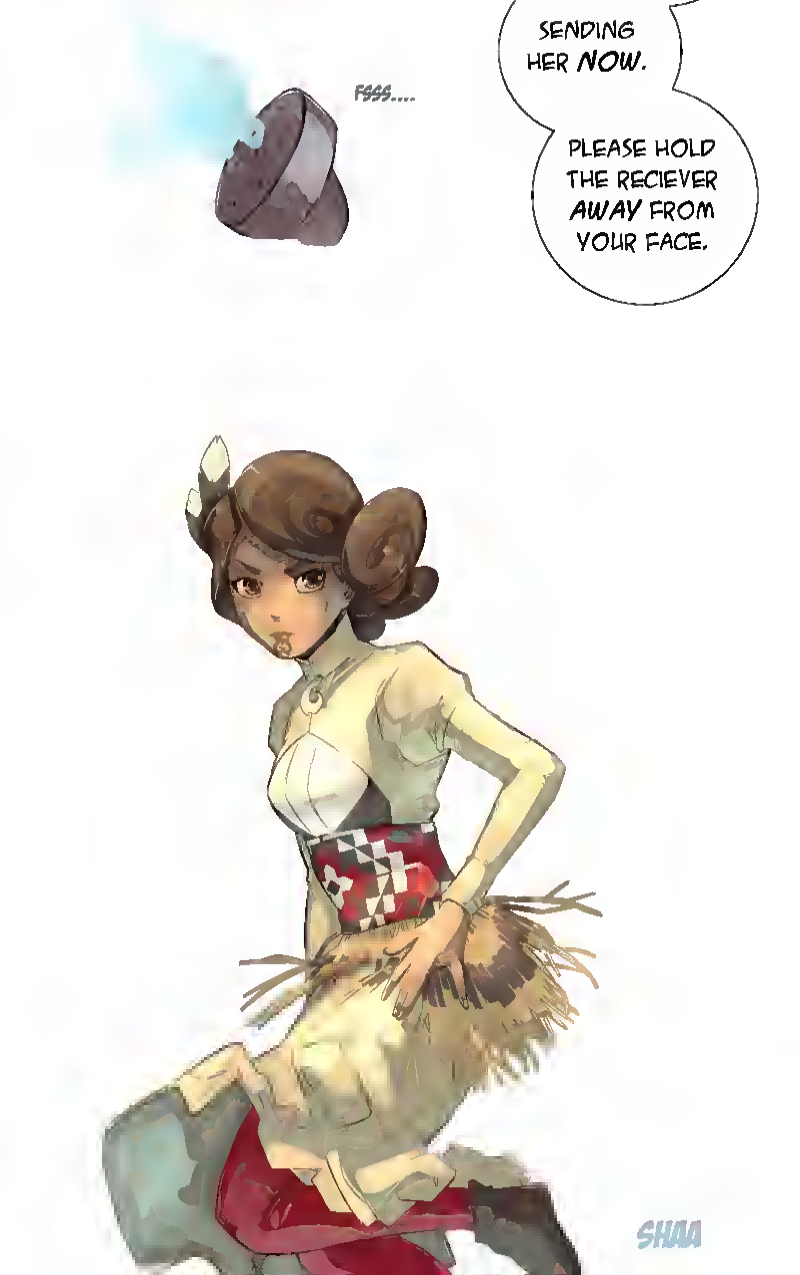
SUSPENDED...?!

...PENDING MY INEVITABLE EXONERATION!

DRAT. DO YOU HAVE A...ER... LESS POWERFUL SPIRIT WITH DEPOSSESSION ABILITIES?!



WELL MA'AM... WE DO HAVE A DRUDGE HERE THAT NO ONE IS USING. PREVIOUS USERS CITE 'PERSONALITY ISSUES...'


FSSS....
SENDING HER NOW.
PLEASE HOLD THE RECIEVER AWAY FROM YOUR FACE.
SHAA

OH! NICE.
SHE'S PRETTY... 'DRUDGE' MADE ME THINK OF SOMEONE UGLY...
A DRUDGE IS USUALLY THE SPIRIT OF A PERSON WHO DIED IN A STATE OF APATHY.
...
DRUDGE 5-89. NAME'S PAI.
WHY WAS I WOKEN UP...
THEY'RE MEMBERS OF THE SPECTRE FAMILY. GHOSTS WHICH CAN DEPOSSESS...

REMOVE SOULS.

MASTER ROOK... YOU CAN JUST SUMMON GHOSTS THROUGH THE NESTS' NETWORK AND **ORDER** THEM ABOUT?

THANKS TO THE WONDERS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY, WE CAN CAPTURE PART OF A SPIRIT'S ESSENCE AND THUS FORCE IT TO **OBEY** US...

THIS DRUDGE HAS PART OF HER ESSENCE **TRAPPED** IN A PICTURE IN OUR ARCHIVES, AND IS THEREFORE COMPELLED TO **FOLLOW** THE ORDERS OF THE **CROWS**...

SIGH.

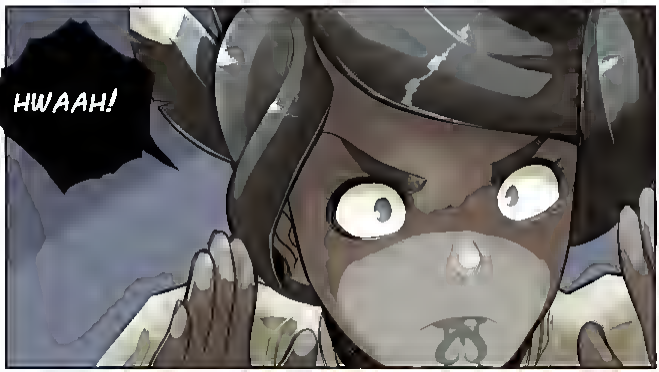
SO IT IS WITH **ALL** BONDSPIRITS.

IT'S HOW WE CONTROL THEIR POWERS.

NOW THEN, PAL I NEED YOU

TO SEPARATE THESE TWO.
YES, MASTER.

HFF.

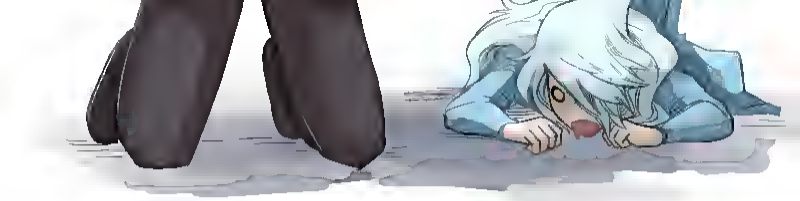

HWAAH!

FWOOM

GRR...
WELL, THAT LOOKS BETTER.
CAN I GO NOW...
ARE THEY SEPARATED FOR GOOD?
NO. THEY'RE STILL JOINED IN THE PICTURE.

NO OFFENSE TO PAI HERE, BUT WE'LL NEED A MORE POWERFUL SPIRIT TO SEVER THEIR CONNECTION PROPERLY.

SIGH.
STILL. WE'VE GOTTEN O-70 INTO A CONDITION WHERE WE CAN INTERROGATE HIM...
YOU...THE CURLY-HAIRED PIKER OVER THERE...
YOU GLUED ME TO THIS WISP?!!
YOUUU TRIED TO EEEAAAT MEEEE...



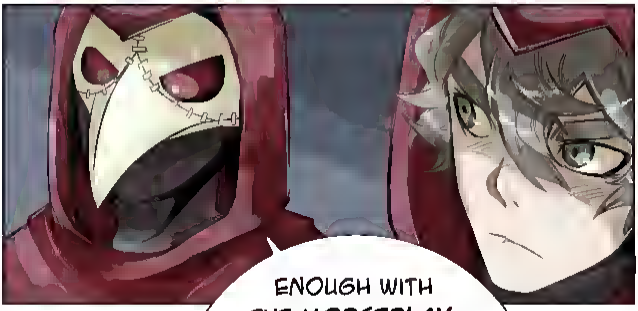
YER GONNA PAY FOR THIS... WHEN THE OTHER FOUR FINGERS FIND OUT HOW I'VE BEEN MANHANDLED, THEY'LL DEAL YOU SUCH A HAUNTING...
YA CROSSED THE WRONG GANG, PRETTY BOY!

THIS...FOREIGN LOOKING URCHIN IS OUR KILLER OCTOPUS? THE FACE AND THE ACCENT JUST DON'T MATCH...
A TRIP INSIDE THE EYE REPLENISHES A

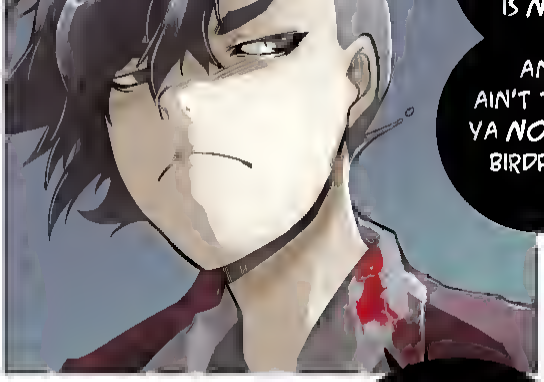
LITTLE ESSENCE. IT LOOKS LIKE 0-70 CAN PROPERLY MANIFEST HIMSELF NOW.
GRUH... YOU'RE GONNA REGRET-

WHAT ON...
OOOM...
BWLIH?!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL NEED TO BORROW YOU FOR A BIT, PAI!
SPLCCH
GRUMBLE.
JUST CAN'T



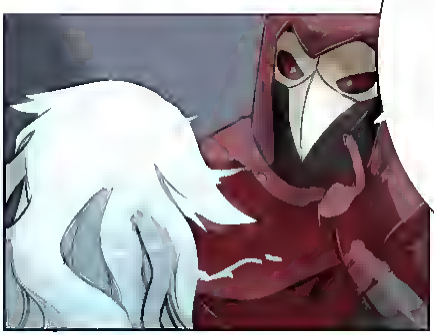
ENOUGH WITH THE **HORSEPLAY.** LET'S ALL INTRODUCE OURSELVES. I AM **ROOK,** AND THIS IS **WREN.** WE ARE RED CROWS. THAT MEANS **WE** ARE IN CHARGE. NOW, **O-70...**

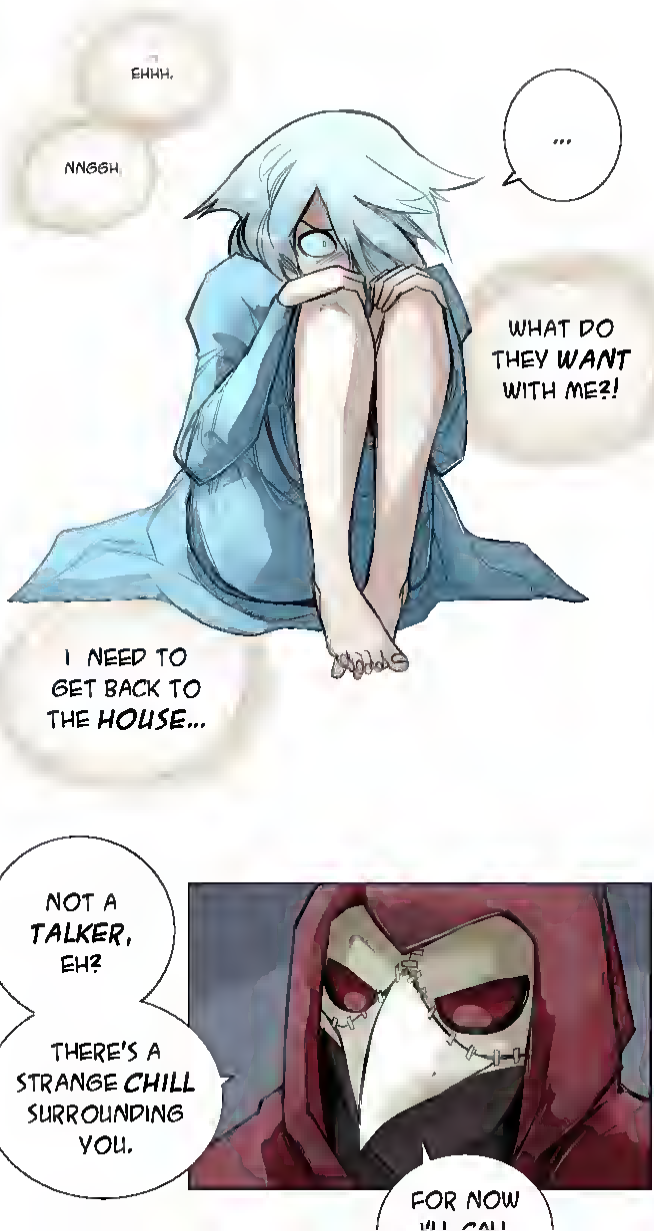


NAIL ME TO ALL THE WISPS IN THE GRAVEYARD, I WON'T SQUEAL ON THE OTHER FINGERS!

HMM. SPEAKING OF WISPS...

YOU'RE NOT IN OUR RECORDS. YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE AN ASSIGNED NUMBER... WHO MIGHT YOU BE?




EHHH.
NNGGH.
...
WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH ME?!
I NEED TO GET BACK TO THE HOUSE...
NOT A TALKER, EH?
THERE'S A STRANGE CHILL SURROUNDING YOU.
FOR NOW

I'LL CALL
YOU
WINTER.

RISE FROM ASHES